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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Japanese Office Action, along with its English translation, dated October 26, 2010, issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-514405, along with Forms PTO-SB/08A&B, listing the cited references, which are submitted for consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final Office Action or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, the statutory fee of \$180.00 is electronically submitted under 37 CFR §1.97(d)(2).

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To the extent that the enclosed references are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the attached English-language Abstracts. Regarding JP 2002-530145A, Applicants submit that there is no English-language Abstract currently available. Therefore, Applicants hereby list corresponding English-language document WO 00/30543 which has an English-language Abstract for the Examiner's reference.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, during examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 389.46065X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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